

# MAINE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

"It's not just music -  
it's a way of life"  
**Hankus Netsky**

Dear Friends,

As we were planning the first Maine Yiddish Culture Festival, we knew that **Klezmer** music had to be a big part of it. From its beginnings in Europe, klezmer had always reflected a unique integration of the music of the Jewish community with that of the surrounding culture. In the U.S., Klezmer music has gone through a vibrant revival and a leader of that revival has been **Hankus Netsky, founder of the Klezmer Conservatory Band.**

So we are delighted that our Festival kicks off on Saturday November 2nd at One Longfellow Square with a Klezmer Concert presented by renowned musicians Hankus Netsky (piano, accordian) and Edie MacAdam Somer (violin, voice). They will be joined by clarinetist Zilien Birettist, percussionist Grant Smith and Baritone Sax player Zach Meyer for an exhilarating concert of Yiddish songs and Klezmer dance music.



Opening the concert will be The Casco Bay Tummlers who are based in Portland and have been performing klezmer music since 1988. The band's repertoire ranges from original music to traditional dances and songs of the Yiddish theater and Jewish ghetto - all with original arrangements.

We know one thing for sure - in the intimate space at One Longfellow Square, this show will raise the roof. *And it's likely to sell out.* So don't miss out - [\*\*Buy Tickets here\*\*](#)

*Don't forget the Sunday portion of our Festival and our upcoming film and music event in December at the PMA (see below).*

Finally on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at the Maine Jewish Film Festival best wishes for a happy and sweet New Year.

*Barbara*

The Yiddish Culture Festival continues on Sunday, Nov 3 at the JCA with a full day of fun events:



Michael Wex

At 10:30 AM: Novelist, lecturer, performer **Michael Wex**, author of *Born to Kvetch, Just Say Nu, How to Be a Mentsh (& not a schmuck)* [More info](#)



RabbiSruli & Lisa

At Noon, families are invited to a special program with **Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer in partnership with PJ Library. This event is free.** [More info](#)



At 2 PM **Hankus Netsky** and **Eden MacAdam-Somer** will present a lecture and an afternoon of Yiddish and Hassidic song and klezmer dance tunes. [More info](#)



At 4 PM the film, ***Chewdaism, A Jewish Taste of Montreal*** followed by a reception catered by Rose Foods and Tin Pan Bakery. [More info](#)

**Thank you to the Onion Foundation, The Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, One Longfellow Square, Rose Foods, and Tin Pan Bakery for helping us make the Yiddish Culture Festival possible.**

## AND COMING SOON...A SPECIAL MJFF FILM & MUSIC EVENT SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2 PM AT THE PMA:



Mike Bloomfield & Paul Butterfield

*Horn From the Heart: the Paul Butterfield Story*  
A feature-length documentary about the life and career of legendary blues musician Paul Butterfield - followed by a performance and discussion by musicians Geoff Muldaur and Jim Kweskin [More Info Here](#)

TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, OCT 17 AT NOON



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